

*Experience true baseball*



Ted Williams League  
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Headquarters in Hanson, Mass.

Dear Players, Parents and Coaches,

Thank you for considering the Ted Williams League (TWL). We are excited to bring you the 16<sup>th</sup> year of TWL baseball this spring. Whether you're new to the game or have participated in other leagues, we invite you and your family to experience true baseball and the benefits of playing in this revolutionary league.

For players 5 and older, the TWL is committed to your child's development and safety by providing an appropriate challenge free from the politics associated with other league formats.

**No politics.** Your child will be evaluated and assigned to a division and team by ability rather than the customary draft. A floating, as opposed to set, coaching system in several divisions shifts our certified coaches' focus to your child's development and leaves the competitive instinct with the players. Players rotate onto the field and play a different position after each at-bat in the younger divisions, the exceptions being the pitcher, catcher and first baseman, which have a skill level requirement. Older divisions offer equal playing time through a platoon system. All players hit from a locked lineup that continues from where it ended the previous game.

**Appropriate challenge.** Your child will experience more game action and develop as a player by hitting and making plays on a field suited for his skill level. TWL fields are designed with home plate sizes, base path lengths and pitching distances not found in traditional leagues. And assigning players to divisions and teams by ability creates more competitive games for your child.

**More safety.** The TWL has had no cases of Little League elbow (LLE), a common overuse injury associated with other league formats, and it has reduced the number of hit batsmen by 48%. Playing with baseballs sized and weighted to fit smaller hands reduces the risk of elbow injury. Until the AA division (16 and older), pitchers throw from a flat surface with no curveballs, and they focus on control by pitching to home plates that are appropriately sized for the shorter arms and bats of younger hitters.

Please review our registration, evaluation and playing guide on the opposite page. For information on the TWL seasons, the TWL Baseball Club and all Steve Ferrolli Instructional Baseball programs, please visit [www.tedwilliamsleague.com](http://www.tedwilliamsleague.com) or [www.steveferrollibaseballcamp.com](http://www.steveferrollibaseballcamp.com). You may also email us at [tedwilliamsleague@yahoo.com](mailto:tedwilliamsleague@yahoo.com) or call 781-293-2700.

Sincerely,

The TWL Team

**Registration**

Please complete the registration form at the bottom of this letter and return it to us by April 2 with a \$25 deposit check payable to the Ted Williams League, P.O. Box 1127, Pembroke, MA, 02359. Full payments are due on or before the start of the season.

Please do not register to play in this league if you anticipate that your child will miss games regularly for reasons other than extenuating circumstances.

We will contact players on a first-registered first-served basis in advance of the first meeting.

**Cost**

Returning prior-year spring season players (Rookie Splinter, Kid, Thumper, A and AA2): \$89. New players: \$99. TWL AA players: \$180. Payment plans are available with a minimum \$25 initial payment.

**Evaluation**

Players need to attend one two-hour evaluation on the league’s playing fields at the Hanson Athletic Association, 171 Reed Street, just off Route 27 in Hanson. To schedule the evaluation, e-mail [tedwilliamsleague@yahoo.com](mailto:tedwilliamsleague@yahoo.com) or call 781-293-2700 with the player’s name, age, telephone and evaluation # from below. **Please arrive at your evaluation’s start time.**

#1 Kid (7-8 years old)	Mon, April 9	5pm – 7pm
#2 Thumper (9-10)	Tue, April 10	5pm – 7pm
#3 A (11-13)	Wed, April 11	5pm – 7pm
#4 Thumper (9-10)	Thu, April 12	5pm – 7pm
#5 All divisions (7-15)	Sat, April 14	12pm – 2pm
#6 All divisions (7-15)	Sat, April 14	3pm – 5pm

\*Rookie/Splinter (5-6 years old) kids are not evaluated. They are placed in the Rookie and Splinter divisions.

\*AA division (16 and up) evaluation times are to be announced. Please call us with your information in the meantime.

\*If your child’s evaluation results place him or her outside of the average age bracket, we will contact you after the evaluation numbers are processed and before the player is assigned to a team.

\*In case of rain, please call the league office before you leave your home.

**Divisions (average age) & Playing Schedule**

All divisions begin practice the week of April 23 and play a 10-game schedule (two games per week) with playoffs into mid/late June. Practices and games are played at the Hanson Athletic Association fields.

<b>Rookie/Splinter</b> (5-6)	Tue and Thu 3:45 pm – 4:45 pm
<b>Kid</b> (7-8)	Mon 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm and Sun 11:30 – 2:00 pm
<b>Thumper</b> (9-10)	Tue or Thu 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm and Sun 2:30 – 5:00 pm
<b>A</b> (11-13)	Wed or Fri 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm and Sun 5:30 – 8:00
<b>AA2</b> (14-15)	Playing and evaluation times to be announced.
<b>AA</b> (16 and up)	Playing and evaluation times to be announced.

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**2012 TWL Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Tel \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_